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PRODUCING TYRES FOR VEHICLE WHEELS)

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1. European Patent Publication No. EP 0 613 757 B1 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 2 of the specification of the present application. An English-language translation of the claims is included at columns 7 and 8 of the document.

Also, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the European Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived.

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